

died anonymous deaths, as prisoners of this system. We owe it to the millions of descendants of these slaves, for they are the heirs to a society of inequities and indignities that naturally filled the vacuum after slavery was formally abolished 154 years ago. The Judiciary Committee hearing held in the 116th Congress was the first time in history that the House of Representatives held a hearing on H.R. 40, we held another earlier this year on February 17, 2021, before marking up this landmark legislation on April 14, 2021. It was fitting that the first hearing occurred on the 19th of June, also known to many in this room, as Juneteenth—the day that, 154 years ago, General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas and announced the freedom of the last American slaves; belatedly freeing 250,000 slaves in Texas nearly two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Juneteenth was first celebrated in the Texas state capital in 1867 under the direction of the Freedmen's Bureau. Juneteenth was and is a living symbol of freedom for people who did not have it. Today, Juneteenth now is both the oldest known celebration of slavery's demise and the nation's newest national holiday. It commemorates freedom while acknowledging the sacrifices and contributions made by courageous African Americans towards making our great nation the more conscious and accepting country that it has become. Let me end by noting that the recently passed 400th commemoration of the 1619 arrival of the first captive Africans in English North America, at Point Comfort, Virginia. With those dates as an historical marker for today's hearing, let us proceed to the work of repair with free hands, full hearts, and a passion for achieving justice. Let us also do the work in the spirit of reconciliation and understanding that H.R. 40 represents.

RECOGNIZING THE EASTPOINTE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Eastpointe Fire and Rescue Department, which is celebrating its 100th year of service to the community of Eastpointe.

This Fire Department started from humble beginnings in 1921, when Eastpointe was known as the Village of Halfway. Local firemen used hand-pulled hose carts, a model T truck and pure grit to protect their small community. Over the decades, the Fire Department adapted to meet the needs of the city's growing population.

Firefighters banded together in 1946 to raise funds for the city's first ambulance, and in 1956, the city built the fire station, which continues to serve citizens of Eastpointe today. In recent decades the Fire and Rescue Department has made huge advances in prehospital care. Today, Eastpointe Fire and Rescue operates two advanced life support fire engines that bring state-of-the-art emergency medical services straight to the scene.

But one cannot recognize the Eastpointe Fire and Rescue Department without acknowl-

edging the brave individuals who work every day to keep residents safe. Twenty-some paramedics and fire staff stand at the ready to serve the community of Eastpointe 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. I am exceptionally proud to have the honor of recognizing them today and to mark this important centennial for the city of Eastpointe. Congratulations on one hundred years of service."

RECOGNIZING THE COLLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Collin County Soil & Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) on their 75th Anniversary.

The mission of the Texas State and Water Conservation Board is to work in conjunction with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in order to encourage the wise and productive use of natural resources, ensuring needs are met for future generations in a manner that promotes a clean, healthy environment, and strong economic growth. As such, on August 12, 1946, the Texas Secretary of State signed and sealed the Certificate of Organization for the Collin County Soil Conservation District No. 535.

The Collin County Soil & Water Conservation District, is a locally organized, self-governing body tasked with "preserving natural resources, controlling floods, preventing impairments of dams and reservoirs, assisting in maintaining the navigability of rivers and harbors, and promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of this state."

In addition to the many functions and responsibilities of the CCSWCD, they also serve a valuable role by planning measures to prevent the flooding of thousands of acres of rich soil in Collin County, hosting local work group meetings to address natural resource conservation needs at a local level, and working with local landowners to develop water quality management plans to address non-point source pollution in the Lake Lavon watershed.

Now upon this milestone anniversary, I congratulate the Collin County Soil & Water Conservation District and wish them continued success as they meet the local needs of Collin County while ensuring the conservation of our most valuable resources.

RECOGNIZING SOUTHEAST PENN- SYLVANIA'S GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2020

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the following individuals for receiving the Girl Scouts of the United States of America Gold Award, the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn. To receive this distinguished accolade, a Girl Scout must demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in

the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development.

On behalf of all residents of the First Congressional District, I congratulate these emerging leaders on their achievement. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment to service and the lasting impact they will have on our community.

Name and Troop No.:
Amylynn F. Garner, 7656.
Anne P. Johnson, 2670.
Anusha Sindia, 7271.
Catherine J. Smith, 2974.
Caylee Elizabeth Jumbelic, 229.
Corinne E. Carlson, 2044.
Georgia J. Moon, 2670.
Julia K. Trainer, 2135.
Kathryn Myer, 2401.
Mary C. Gordon, 21267.
Megan L. Swirsding, 2056.
Rebekah Atkins, 2056.

HONORING LORI ROSALES AS A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Lori Rosales of the Atwater Village neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Born and raised in Colorado, Ms. Rosales attended the University of Northern Colorado and received her Master's in Education with Administration Credentials from Loyola Marymount University. With a firm belief that all children need to be educated fairly and are valued, to that end, she has spent nearly two decades in education: as an elementary school teacher, a high school principal, an educational consultant, and in her current position working for the University of California Los Angeles Center X Math Project.

It is motherhood and her volunteer career with Friends of Atwater Elementary (FoAE), a parent support group for Atwater Elementary School, that are the most near and dear to Lori's heart. A longtime Atwater Village resident, for the last four years, Lori has served as president of FoAE, bringing her community-building skills to the organization. Under her stellar leadership, she organized and succeeded in the effort to bring the Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program to the school, an effort she considers her greatest accomplishment. In addition, FoAE raised funds for beautification and projects such as the Innovation Lab, the garden program, the installation of new murals, and a bilingual math program.

During the coronavirus pandemic, Ms. Rosales organized volunteers to sort and pack books so all the school's children would receive books to read at home, sent 350 stuffed animal bears (Cubby the Bear is Atwater Elementary School's mascot) to the children for emotional support, and fundraised for school supplies for each child in the 2020–2021